

As the dean of Tennessee's delegation, Bart Gordon is serving his 12th term in Congress, representing the Sixth District, which includes 15 counties. At the start of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, Bart became Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee.

In August 2007, his legislation to foster U.S. economic competitiveness by increasing energy independence and strengthening math and science education became law. The COMPETES Act aims to improve science and math education to ensure the U.S. workforce has the skills needed for the high-tech jobs of the future. In addition, the law creates an Advanced Research Projects Agency at the U.S. Department of Energy to develop new energy technologies that would help to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign energy.

Bart has authored legislation to establish voluntary, health-based clean-up guidelines for methamphetamine labs. His bill, which became law in December 2007, aims to protect families from the dangers of meth labs in their communities and to provide tools to help local law enforcement to detect hidden toxic hazards that remain in the labs.

In addition to his role on the Science and Technology Committee, Bart is a senior member of the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee and serves on two subcommittees – Health, and Telecommunications and the Internet.

One of Bart's highest priorities is making sure parents have the tools they need to control the content their children can access through TV, by telephone and on the Internet. Bart authored legislation to protect citizens from fraudulent 1-900 and 1-800 phone numbers.

In 2004, two of Bart's bills became law. His youth suicide prevention measure, the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, established a grant program to help bolster suicide intervention and prevention programs. In addition, his Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act became law to prohibit sports agents from bribing or misleading student-athletes into signing away their eligibility to play college sports.

In 1990, Bart initiated an investigation into the federal student aid system. He authored and helped pass reforms that saved taxpayers more than \$6 billion and made financial aid more accessible to students. In addition, Congress passed Bart's proposal to ban awarding Pell Grants to prison inmates, a move that saved taxpayers between \$70 and \$200 million a year.

Bart was the first member of Tennessee's delegation to oppose a temporary site in the state for disposal of the nation's nuclear waste. He has stood up to four presidents who wanted to place a nuclear waste storage site in Tennessee and continues the fight today.

Educated in Rutherford County public schools, Bart graduated with honors from Middle Tennessee State University in 1971. He served in the Army Reserves from 1971-1972 and received an honorable discharge in 1972. Bart received his law degree from the University of Tennessee. The Murfreesboro lawmaker is married to Leslie Peyton Gordon, and they have a daughter, Peyton Margaret Gordon.